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Marino Pole Airfield (24 May 1954)

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1. Installations at Marino Pole airfield are located on opposite sides of the field, to the northeast and to the southwest. On the northeast side, there are three modern hangars, a building which includes a control tower, and several other buildings which may be used as offices or quarters. On the southwest side there are four old hangars with a triangular-type roof, barracks, and several other unidentified buildings. The terrain between these two groups of buildings is grassy. No concrete runway was observed nor was any work in progress.

2. The following sketch shows the modern hangars observed at Marino Pole airfield which are of a type similar to those observed at Sofia/Vrazhdebna, Kazanlik, Gorna Oryakhovitsa, and Chayka airfields:

Front view

Side view

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Absence of Airfield in the Belovo-Petren Area (May 1954)

4. [redacted] there are no airfields in the Belovo (N 42-13, E 24-02) - Petren (N 42-16, E 24-02) area. 25X1

Troyan Airfield (6 June 1954)

5. A reconnaissance made in the vicinity of Troyan and of Troyanski Monastir did not reveal the presence of any airfield. It is doubtful that an airfield is located in this mountainous area where the terrain is very rugged, particularly at N 42-52, E 24-48.

PO-2 Biplane Observed Near Dolna Mahala, Karlovo Okoliya (24 May 1954)

6. On 24 May 1954, a PO-2 biplane was observed landing in a field located approximately two kilometers north-northeast of Dolna Mahala (N 42-25, E 24-47), Karlovo (now Levskigrad) Okoliya, 30 kilometers south of Plovdiv and one kilometer east of the Plovdiv-Karlovo first class road.

1 [redacted] Comment: This appears to have been an emergency landing of a plane used in connection with agricultural work.

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